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Nautical charts are a fundamental tool of marine navigation. They show water depths, obstructions, buoys, other aids to navigation, and much more. The information is shown in a way that promotes safe and efficient navigation. Chart carriage is mandatory on the commercial ships that carry America's commerce. They are also used on every Navy and Coast Guard ship, fishing and passenger vessels, and are widely carried by recreational boaters.

What is a BookletChart[™]?

This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

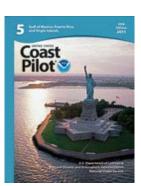
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(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)
Christiansted Harbor, on the N coast of St.
Croix Island 10 miles E of Hams Bluff and
7.7 miles W of East Point, is a port of call
for vessels drawing up to 16 feet. The
harbor is protected by a reef and bank that
extends clear across the entrance, except
for the channel opening. Gallows Bay is in
the SE part of the harbor. Most of the
harbor is shoal.

Protestant Cay, an islet in the harbor, is surmounted by an old stone building and a

hotel. The ruins of Fort Sofia Frederika are at the N end of the cay. **Channels.**—The entrance is N of Fort Louise Augusta through a crooked dredged channel marked by buoys, lights, and a **164°** lighted entrance

range, thence E and S of Protestant Cay to a turning basin and to Gallows Bay Dock. In April 1990, the controlling depth was 14 feet, with 11 to 15 feet in the basin with lesser depths along the NE, SE, and SW limits of the basin. Shoaling has occurred close to the edges of the marked channel into Christiansted Harbor; extreme caution is advised in transiting the channel.

Inside the harbor, a privately dredged channel with private aids leads W of the main channel to facilities in the SW part of the bay. In 1981, a depth of 17 feet was reported in the channel and alongside the berthing facilities.

A channel, with natural depths to 11 feet and marked by private lighted buoys, is E of Round Reef and used by schooners and small boats.

A 15-foot passage over the S portion of Scotch Bank is used by small vessels coming from the east; local knowledge is necessary.

Anchorages.—Vessels anchor ENE of Protestant Cay in depths of 9 to 30 feet according to draft. Holding ground in this area is reported to be hard; caution is advised to ensure against dragging. Small boats anchor in Gallows Bay and along the E side of the harbor. A yacht anchorage, supervised by the U.S. Virgin Islands Port Authority, is on the W side of Protestant Cay. During a hurricane or gale vessels anchor in Gallows Bay and small boats sometimes anchor in Salt River Bay.

Dangers.—Scotch Bank, a 1.8-mile-long sand shoal extending NE from Fort Louise Augusta, is on the E side of the harbor entrance. Depths of 2 to 20 feet are on the shoal, which is easily seen except when the sun is ahead.

Long Reef, a 2-mile-long strip nearly awash in places, forms the NW side of the harbor. Shoal water extends E from the reef to the channel marked with buoys.

Round Reef, W of Fort Louise Augusta, is circular with a spot bare at low water near its center and several spots with depths of 1 foot. The harbor is shoal with depths less than 6 feet outside the circuitous channel marked by buoys. Several visible wrecks and submerged obstructions are along the E side of the harbor.

Pilotage, Christiansted.—See Pilotage, U.S. Virgin Islands (indexed as such) early this chapter. Vessels are boarded from a motorboat just outside the sea buoy (Lighted Buoy 1, 17°45'48"N., 64°41'48"W.). Strangers are advised to take a pilot and should not attempt to enter at night without one.

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine.—(See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and Appendix A for addresses.)

Quarantine is enforced in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Public Health Service. (See Public Health Service, chapter 1.) Juan Luis Hospital and Medical Center are located mid-isle just W of Christiansted. Christiansted is a customs port of entry.

U.S. Coast Guard Rescue Coordination Center 24 hour Regional Contact for Emergencies

RCC New Orleans Commander

8th CG District New Orleans, LA (504) 589-6225



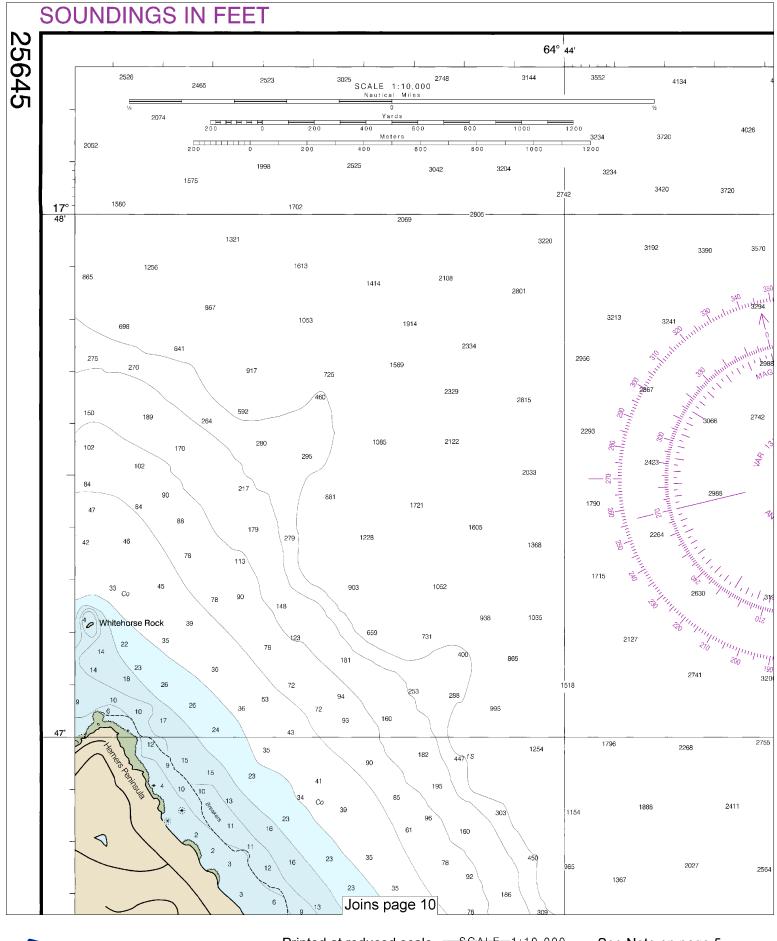
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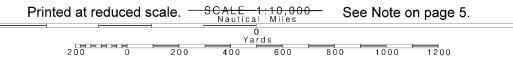
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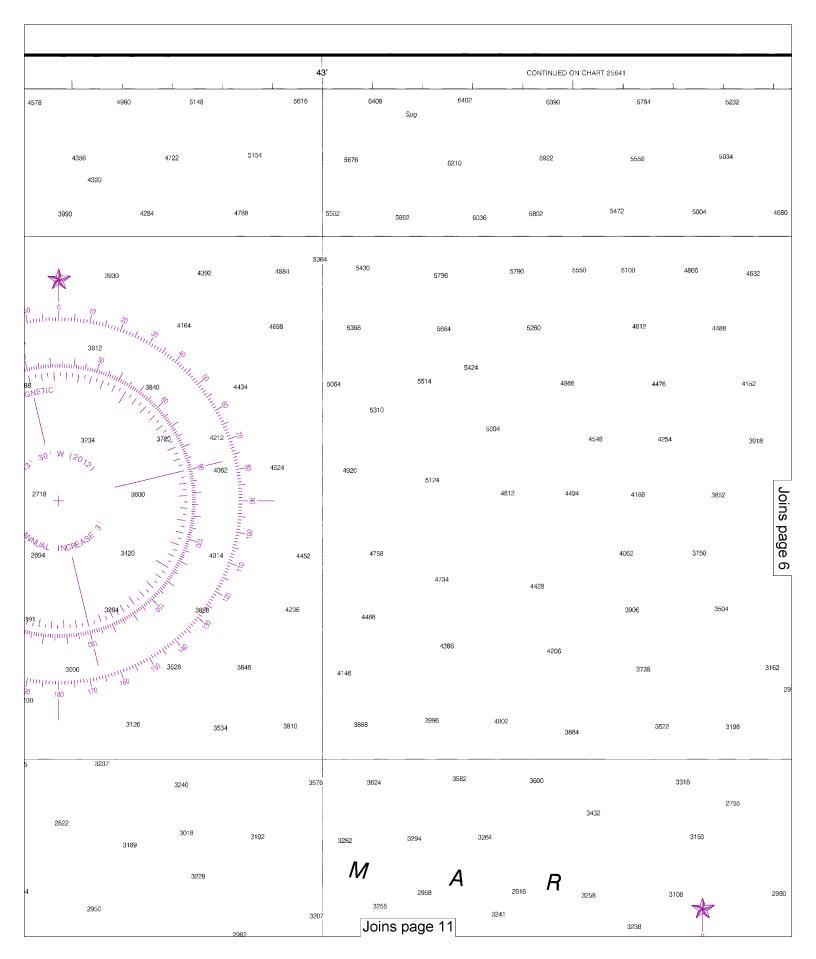
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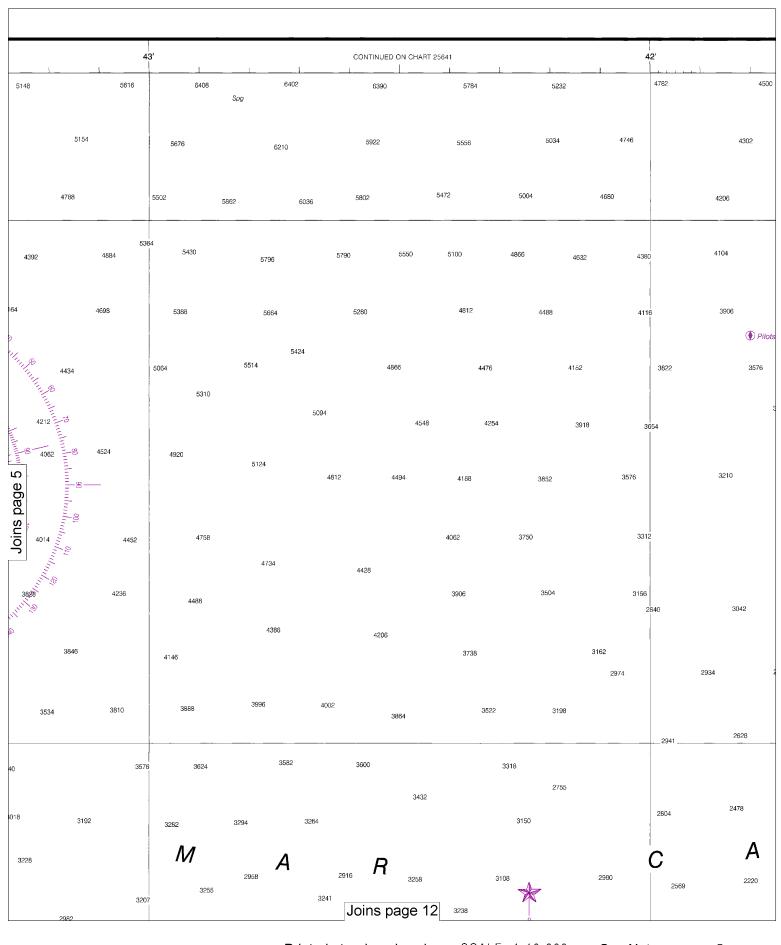
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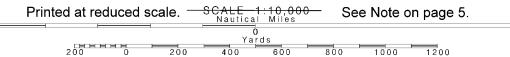


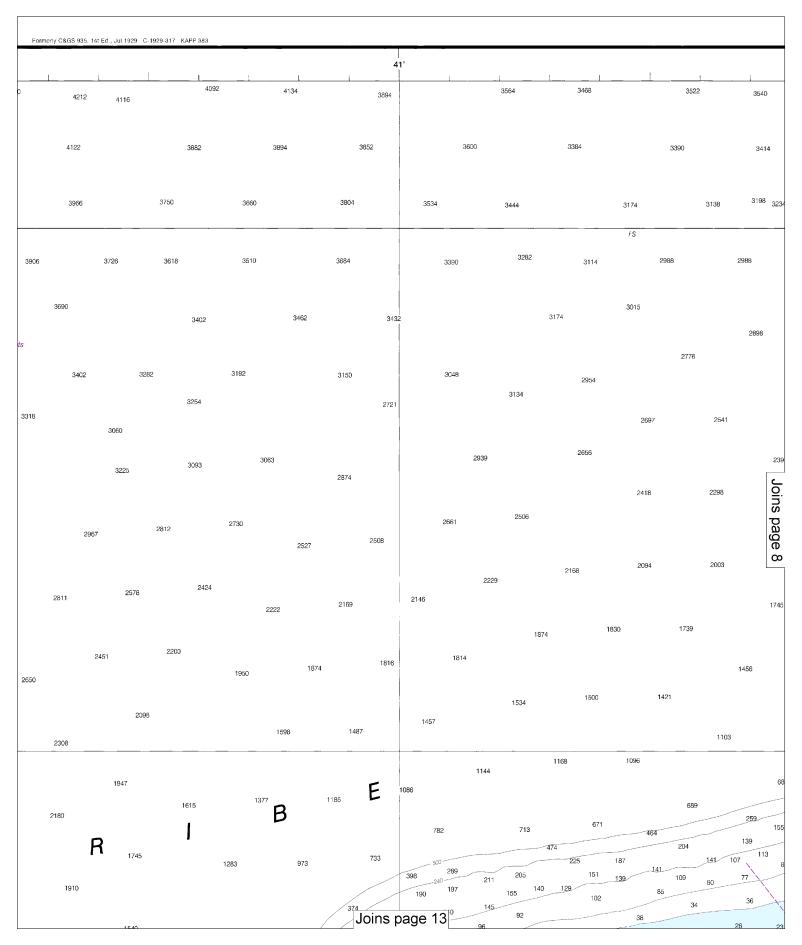


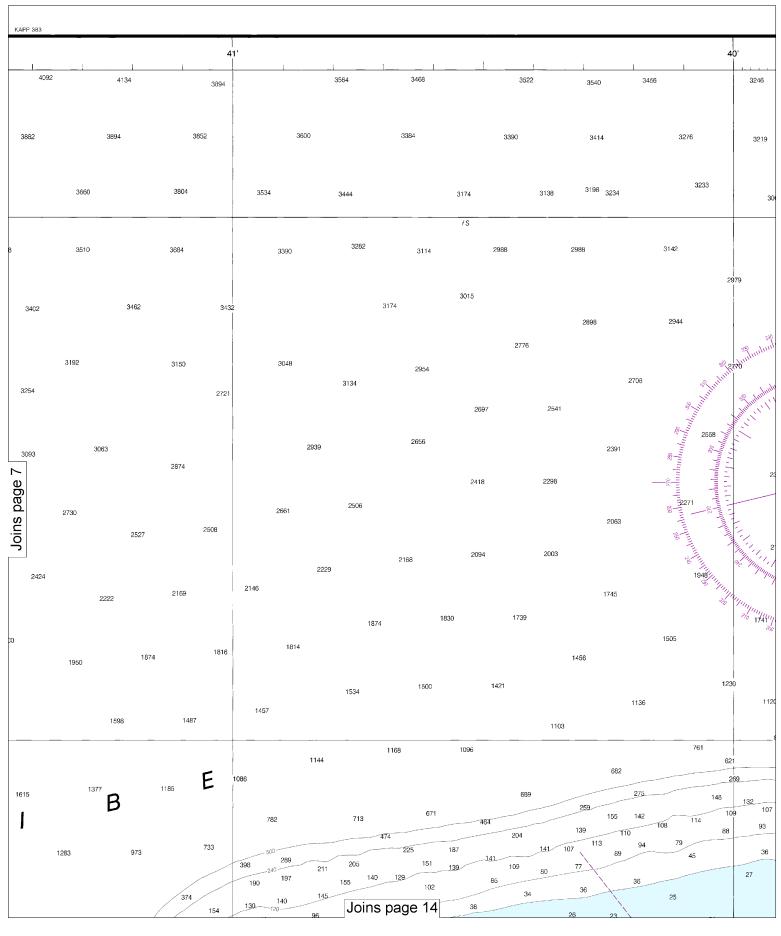




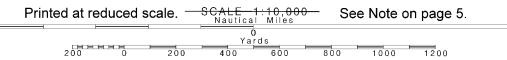


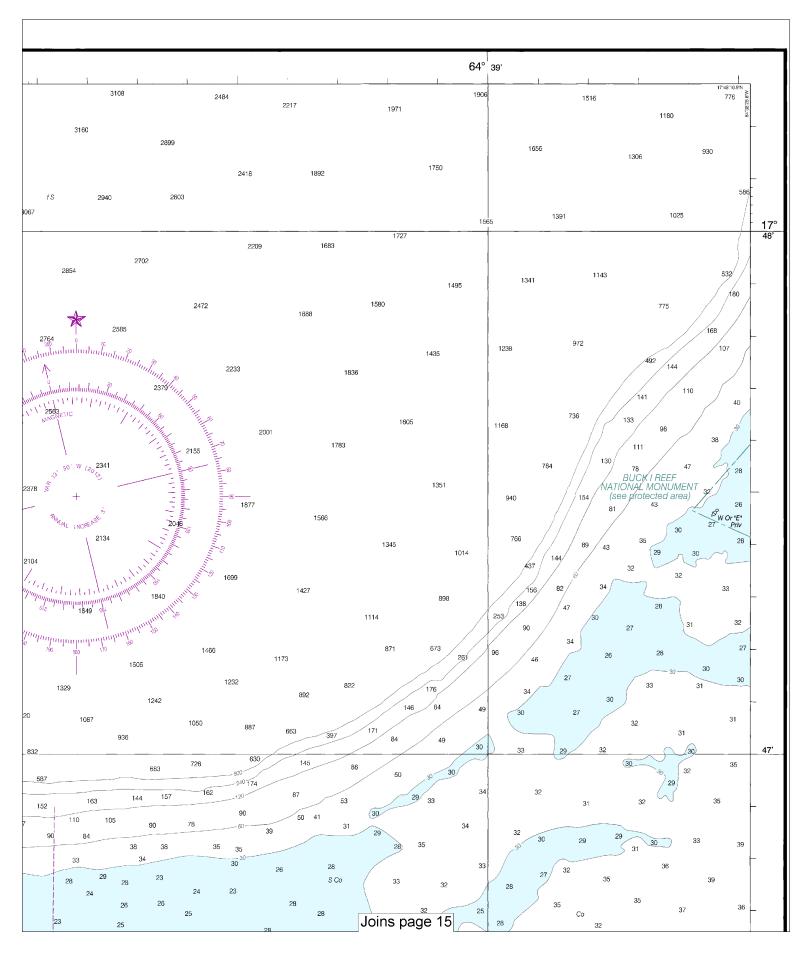


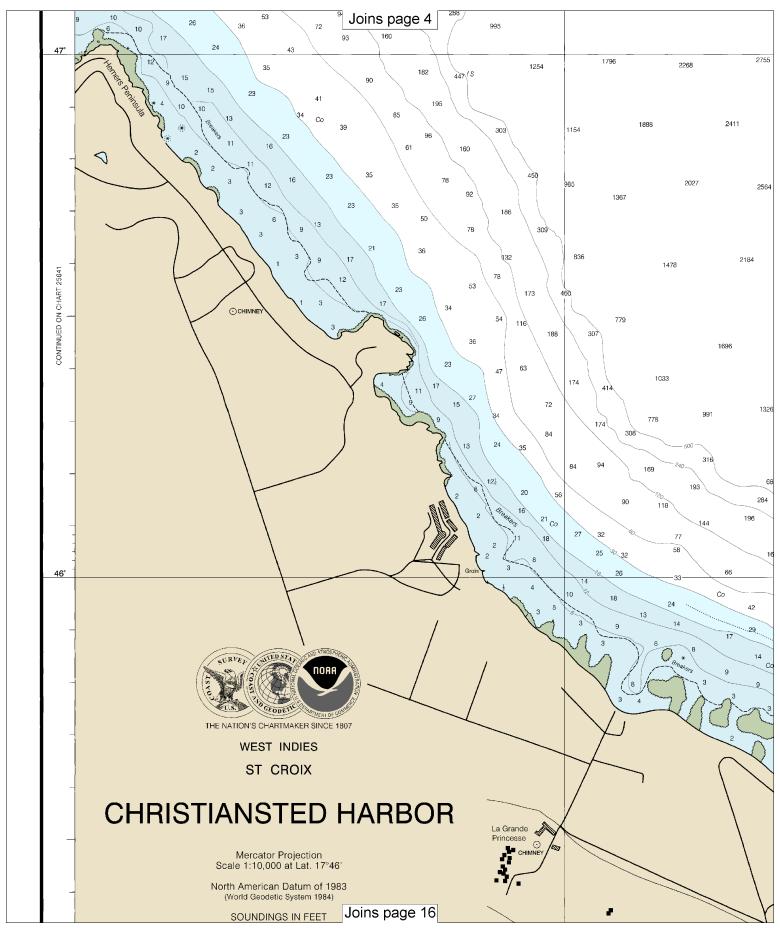




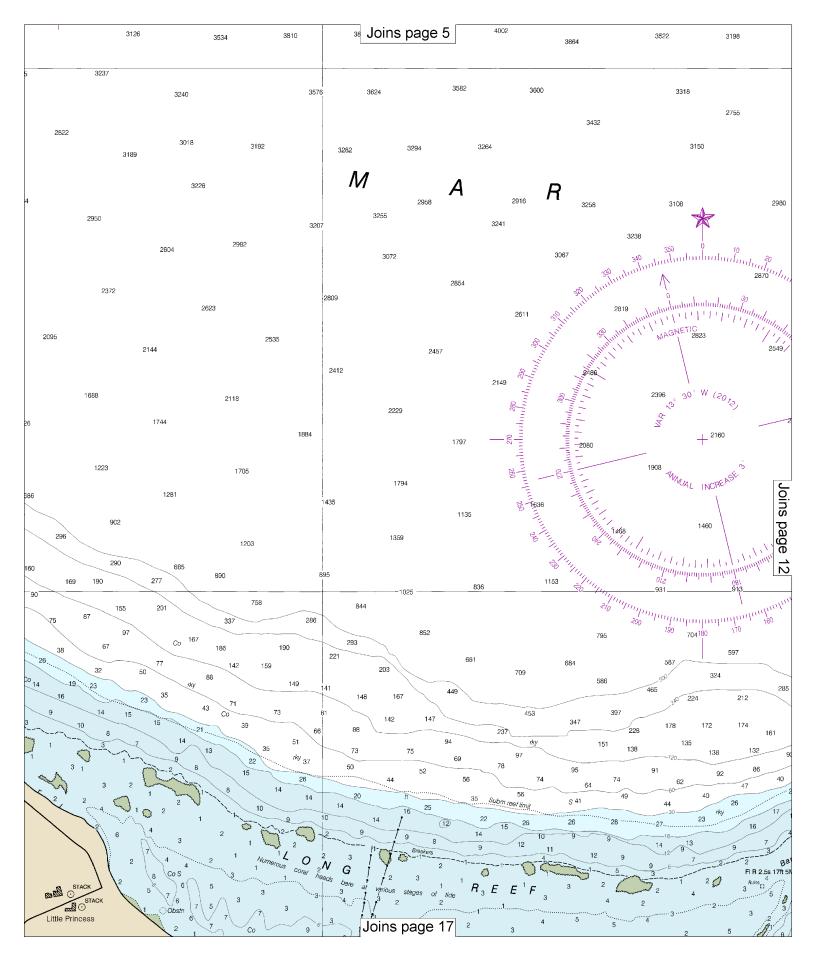


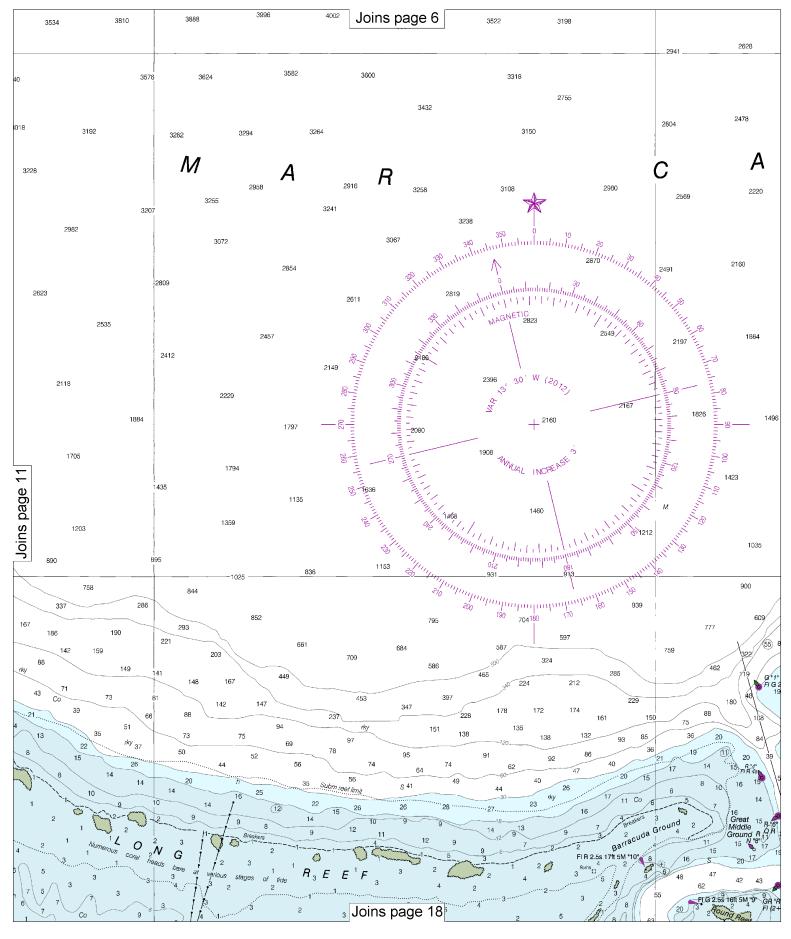


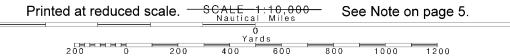


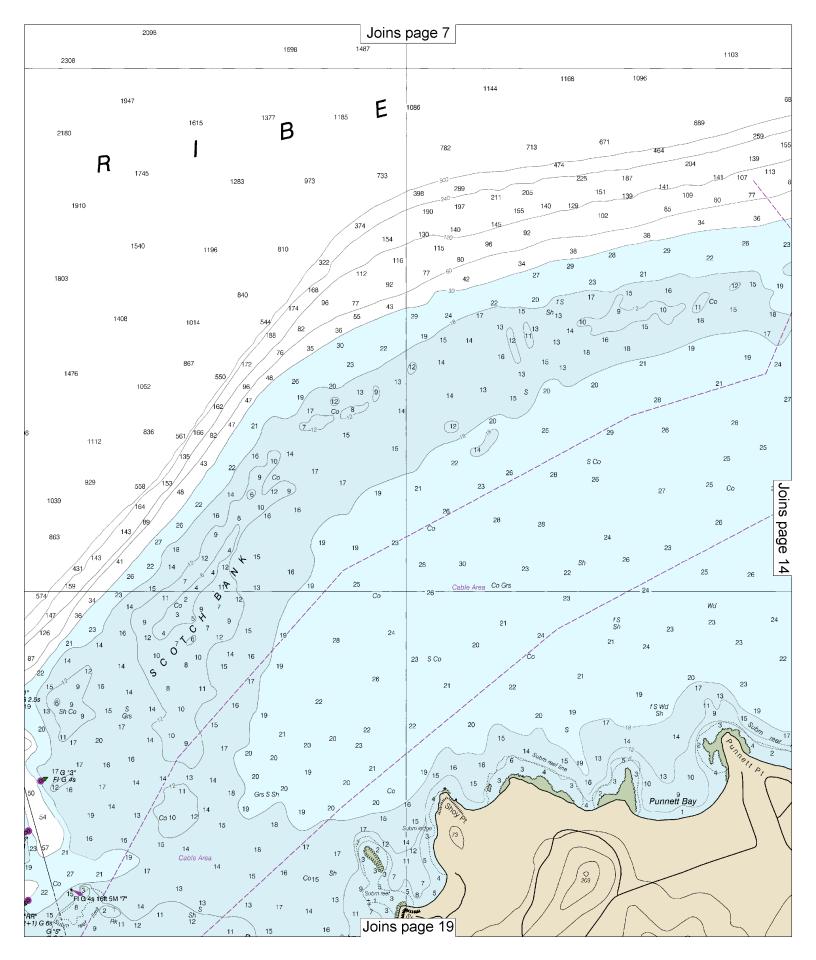


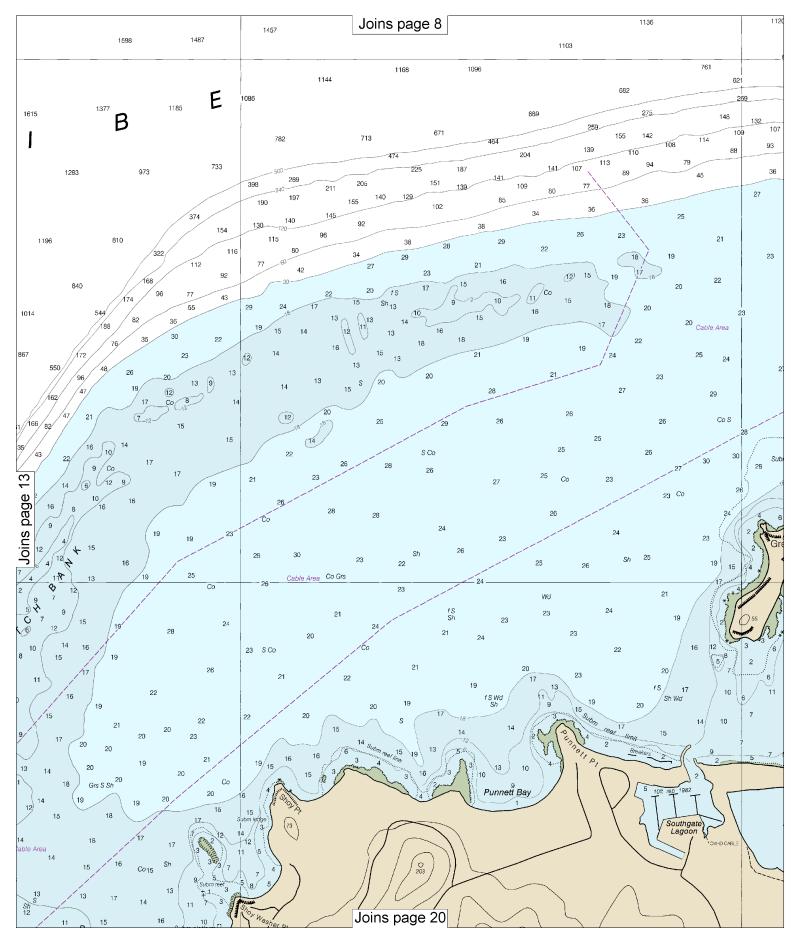


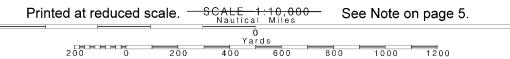


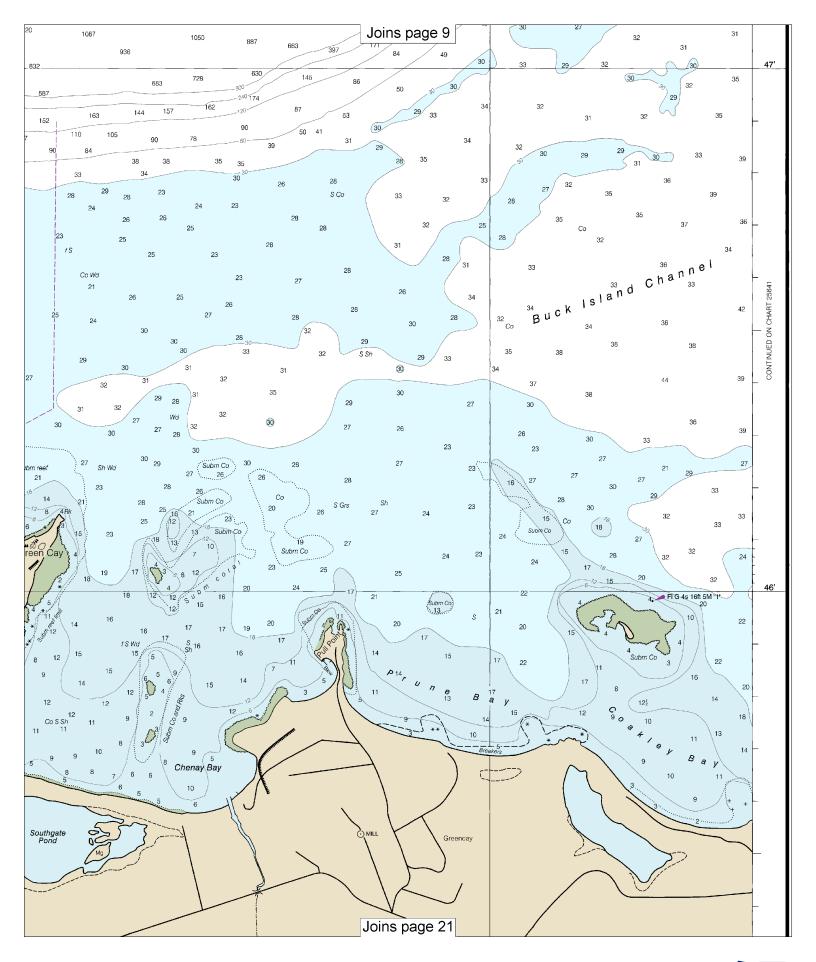


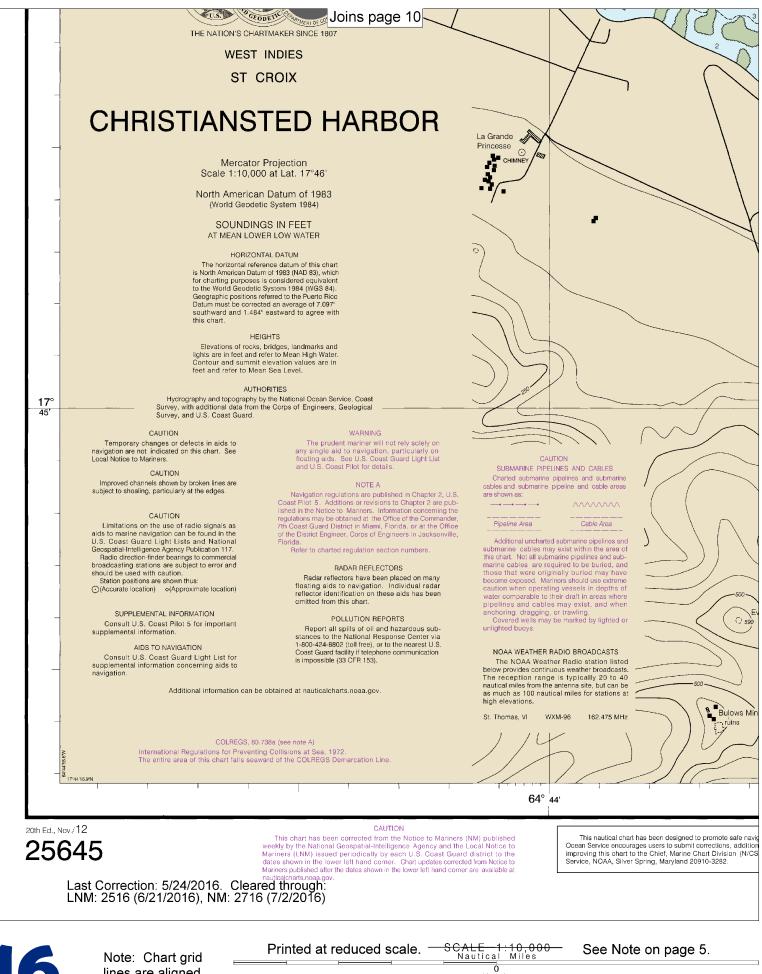






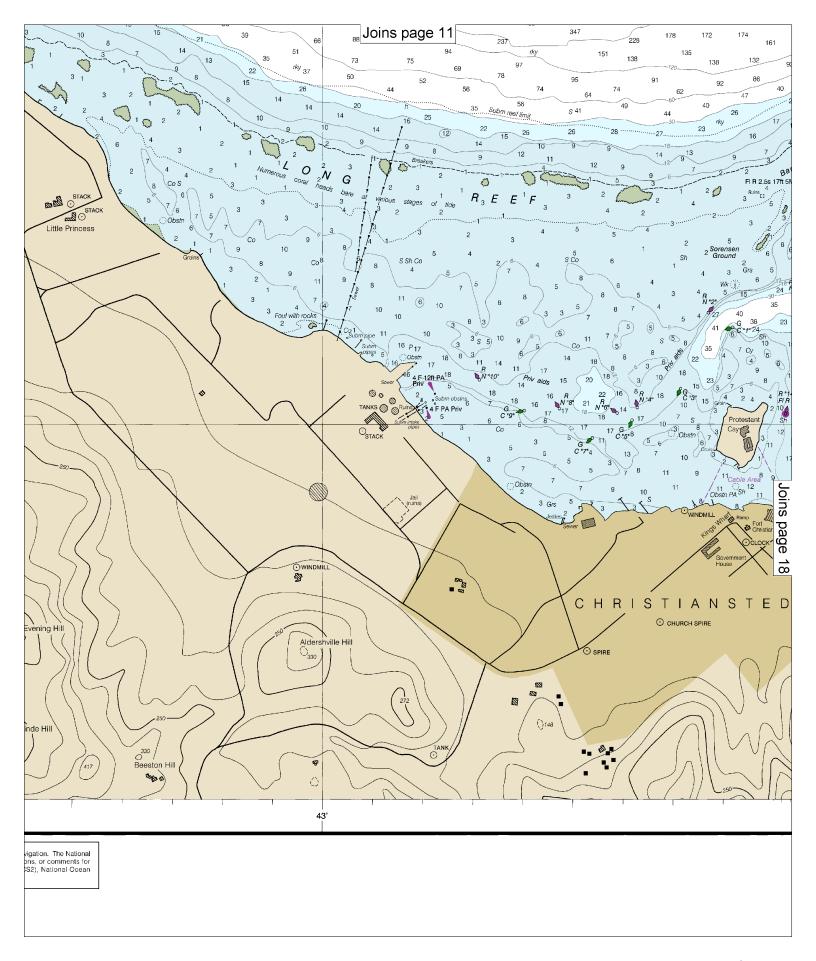


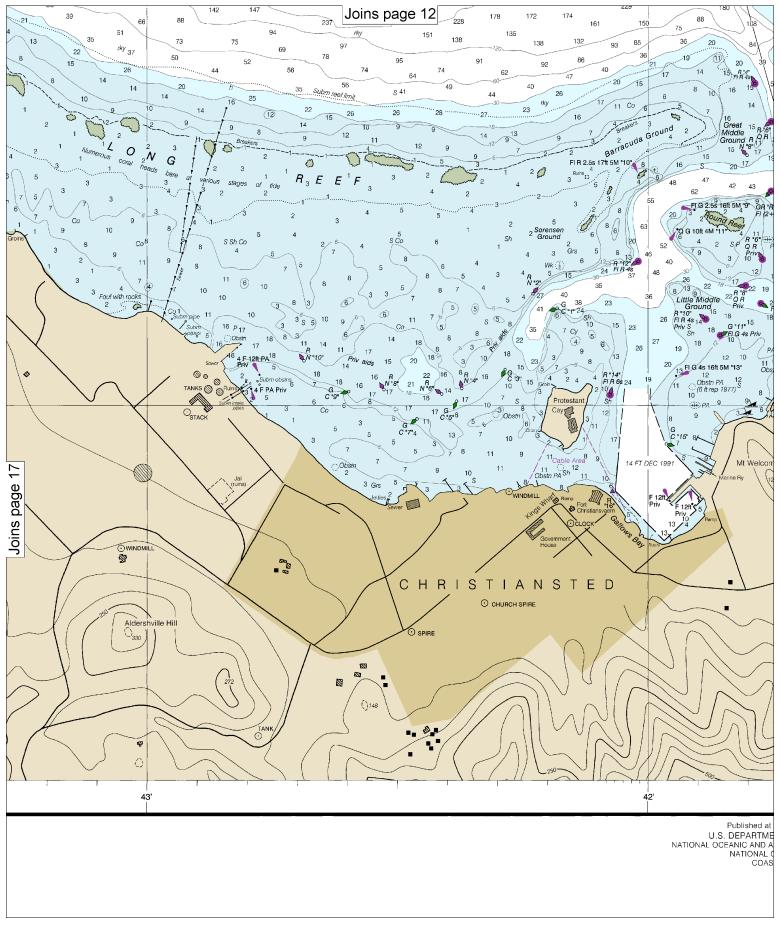


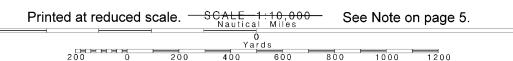


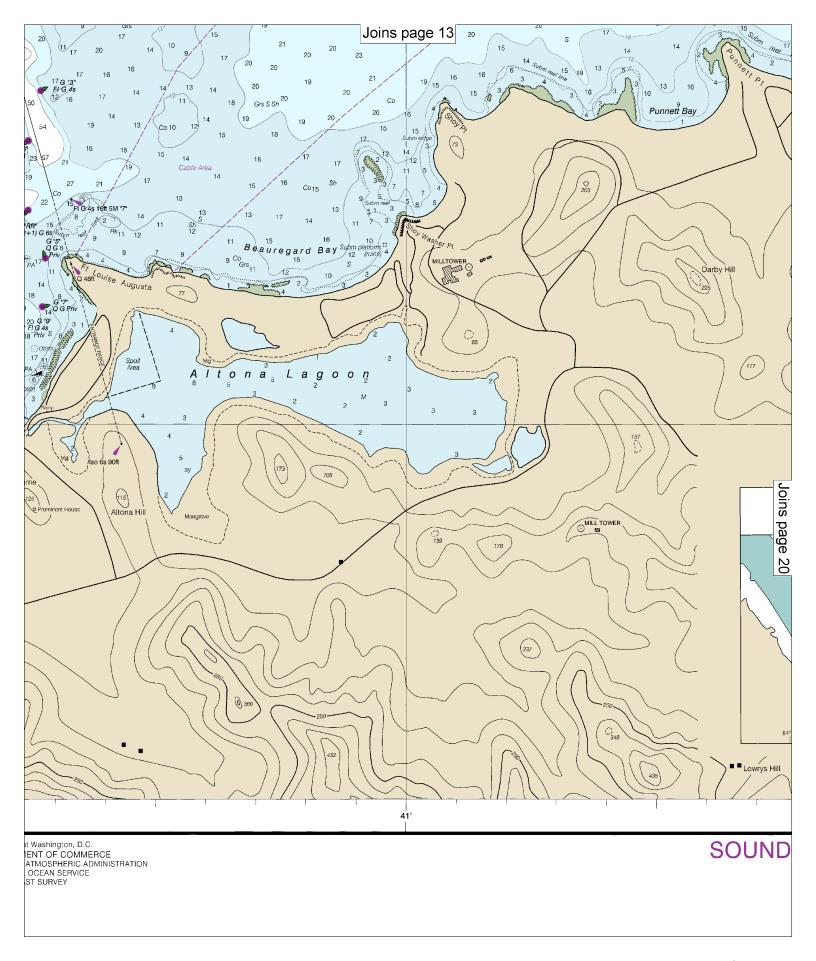
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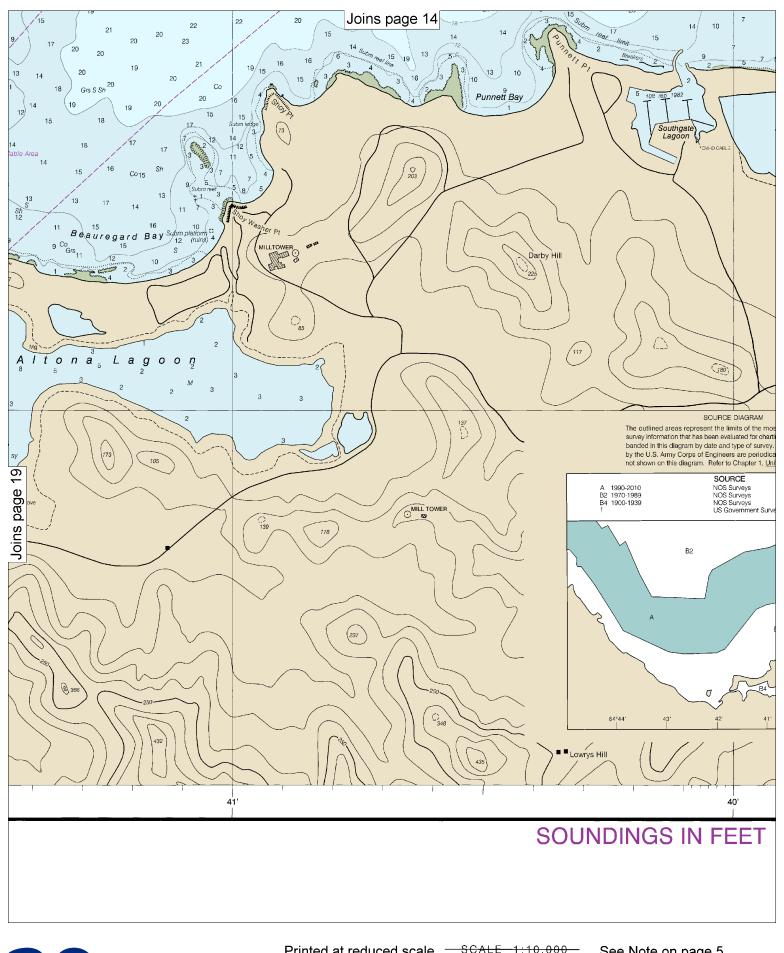
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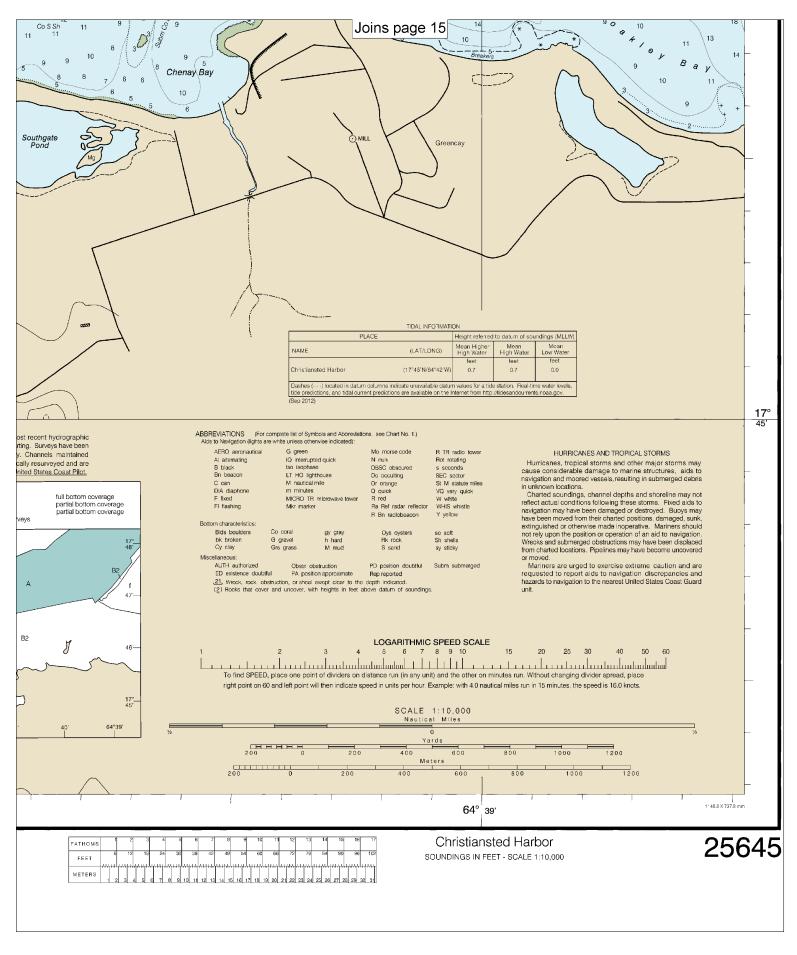














VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

Channel 6 – Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

Channel 13 – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other

vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

Channel 22A – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here. Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A – Recreational boat channels.

Getting and Giving Help — Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.

Distress Call Procedures

- Make sure radio is on.
- Select Channel 16.
- Press/Hold the transmit button.
- Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of

Emergency; Number of People on Board.

- · Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds If no response Repeat MAYDAY call.

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